

## ENGLAND'S NEED, A STRONG MAN

CONSTITUTION IN DANGER OF  
PIECEMEAL TINKERING.

Small Hope of Postponing the Lords Veto  
Crisis Beyond the Coronation—Home  
Rule Referendum Proposal—Brilliant  
Social Events—First Night Cough.

**Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.**  
LONDON, Feb. 25.—John Bull has little cause for satisfaction when he considers the condition of his affairs as it has been revealed during the past few weeks. His house is being put in order, but he is already in want of a strong man to supervise the task. A whole group of constitutional changes, more or less closely connected, are under consideration, which to be dealt with effectually should be dealt with as a whole.

That some of these changes are necessary practically all parties agree, as for example that the House of Lords must be reformed. Violence and bitterness to a great extent have gone out of the Home Rule question. Some reform of the House of Commons is as clearly necessary as it is urgent that the reform of the House of Lords. These three measures, with others are all closely connected, but seem to be doomed to remain in the region of fragmentary government bills and party maneuvering.

The debate on the first reading of the bill held out small hope of concerted action to bring about genuine and efficient reform of the House of Lords. The Government proposes to deprive the Lords of the veto power forthwith, but postpones the reform, which the bill's preamble asserts is necessary, to an indefinite future. The Unionists, both in the House of Lords and the House of Commons, agree with Premier Asquith that the House of Lords needs to be reformed, but apparently they are unable to agree on the method. The rank and file of the party and the party's newspapers are divided on the question.

**SPLIT ON HEREDITARY.**  
The nature of Lord Lansdowne's forthcoming reform bill has not yet been developed, but it is generally assumed that it will be much on the lines of Lord Curzon's suggestion. Color is lent to this by Mr. Balfour's strong declaration for the necessity for the retention to some extent of the hereditary principle. It is obvious that the retention of that principle will make anything like a general agreement impossible.

Lord Curzon's system, moreover, would only give another strongly conservative house of the members to be elected by the peers, the fifty sitting as having had great offices and the five elected by local bodies, such as County Councils and great towns, forming two-thirds of the proposed House, a great majority would almost certainly be strongly conservative.

At present the outlook for the avoidance of a crisis until the coronation is over is not very hopeful. The *Spectator* suggests as the only possible compromise an agreement that the veto bill shall pass as it stands through the House of Lords, Mr. Asquith consenting to submit Home Rule to a referendum before introduction in the form of a bill. A combination of the opposition and the Government on this point would render the latter independent of the Nationalists, but such an agreement does not seem likely.

**CORONATION HORSE SHOW.**  
The Olympia Horse Show management is making every effort to break all records during coronation week. Prizes of the value of £12,500 (about \$62,500) will be offered and £500,000 (\$2,500,000) will be spent on a scheme of decoration which will picture an old fashioned English village. At one end of the arena there will be the old time Lowther Arms with a yard for post coaches, drinking troughs, a pump and the stabling. On the village green in front there will be a sundial and stretching away there will be rows of timbered cottages, red tiled, and with diamond paneled windows. The cottages will be used as private boxes.

The chief event will be the jumping for the Edward VII. cup. Officers of all armies will compete for this prize in one heat, which will take place the day king George is present, the eve of coronation.

**THE FIRST NIGHT COUGH.**  
An inserted slip on every programme at the Kingsway Theatre on the first night that Laurence Irving and his company presented "The Lily" said: "The management begs to state that any one troubled with a first night cough will be supplied with jujubes on application."

The management now explains that there are a number of people who make a practice of coughing at first nights with the object of wrecking the play. They say it is an organized conspiracy by out of work actors, actresses, minor dramatists and other disappointed or disagreeable persons.

Mr. Irving says there was an organized storm of coughing on the first night of his production of "The Unwritten Law." The same thing happened when Sir Beerbehn Tree gave "Much Ado About Nothing." Mr. Irving says he does not object to bores and hisses, but nothing upsets actors more than constant coughing. It is a most subtle weapon, as it is so infectious.

**ARTISTIC BALL.**  
The Chelsea Arts Club ball was the best and chief social event of the week. Four thousand persons prominent in the social and artistic world went to Albert Hall in fancy dress under the auspices of the famous Arts Club. They danced and made merry in the most brilliant fashion till early morning. It was a wonderful sight. The costumes were more superb than ever. Many Americans had boxes and gave dinners taking their guests afterward to the ball. Lady Craven in a French morning costume entertained a large party of friends. Mrs. George Curzon was in powdered hair and Lady Paget in a Puritan costume were with the Duke of Marlborough. Ladies Curzon and Bedford, Mrs. Spender Clay, Mrs. A. W. Walling and other Americans were there. The most conspicuous person at the ball was Lady Constance Fiechter as cupid in bare foot and legs. King Manuel, late of Portugal, was there in person.

**OTHER DANCES.**  
On Friday night the starkest hunt of the season took place at Melton Mowbray. Many people attended from the neighboring grouse houses, while others went down on special trains from London. Mesdames D. Beatty, George Curzon, West and H. Coventry were among those present.

The Princess Ludwig of Löwenstein-Wertheim had many of her American friends present at a novel rinking party at the Grafton Gallery on Tuesday. The guests stepped from their carriages equipped with roller skates and skated for four hours.

A ball held by the Devonshire House

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and Mayfair Union was conspicuous for American still holders and buyers. Lady Granard sold Irish goods and Cora Countess of Stafford was at the flower booth, while Ladies Acheson and Maidstone and Misses R. Grosvenor, Spender Clay, Ker-Smiley and Lewis Harcourt bought generously.

Mrs. William Phillips, wife of the charge d'affaires of the American embassy, gave her first large entertainment on Washington's Birthday. It was a reception in behalf of the Society of Americans in London. The personnel of the American embassy and consulate attended, as well as many of their friends. Lady Granard was again a dinner hostess on Thursday when Ladies Lister-Kaye and Parker were among her guests.

Two American first nights took many Anglo-Americans to the Criterion and Kingsway theatres, where "Baby Mine" and "The Lily" achieved genuine successes.

## HOPPE BEATS FRENCHMAN.

Crowds See American Billiardist Play in Paris—The Expulsion Order.

**Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.**  
PARIS, Feb. 25.—Willie Hoppe, the American billiardist, against whom a warrant of expulsion from France has been issued, played this evening at the Olympia billiard hall before a crowded house. Many would-be spectators were unable to gain admission. He beat the French champion, Cure, for the fifth time this week, Cure having won once.

Hoppe explained to the correspondent of THE SUN that a warrant for his expulsion in November, 1907, was issued when the police were actively campaigning against betting in public billiard rooms, which had become a craze. The police, with a view to stopping the custom, issued warrants of expulsion against all foreign professional players.

Hoppe, acting under the advice of friends, left the country before the warrant against him could be served. He hopes to have the present warrant cancelled, as there is no betting connected with his present games.

## NO REFORM FOR OLD SALON.

Effort to Elect New Jurors to Pass on French Pictures Is Squelched.

**Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.**  
PARIS, Feb. 25.—For the first time in a generation the spirit of revolutionary reform tried to assert itself to-day at the election of the jury of the Society of French Artists, whose exhibition is known as the Old Salon. The jury numbers sixty members, who are elected for three years.

The conservative traditions of the 12th since 1873, have hitherto insured the reelection of a jury without competition. This year a group of members formed an association for the purpose of electing a jury with more modern tendencies.

An active electoral campaign resulted in the defeat of the would-be reformers. Fifty-six of the old jurors were reelected. The reformers succeeded in electing only one of their candidates.

## SEQUEL TO "LOUISE."

Charpentier Evolves a New "Epic of Popular Life"—Mystery Over Production.

**Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.**  
PARIS, Feb. 25.—Gustave Charpentier has completed a sequel to "Louise." Like "Louise," the subject is an epic of popular life, the scenes being in a laundry, a tavern and the Misericordia Palace.

There are a duet in the Viroflay wood among nature lovers and a strike in a suburb. The composer refuses to disclose when or where his work will be produced.

## CRISIS IN CRETE.

Island Cabinet in New Difficulties and the Situation Is Anxious.

**Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.**  
CANEIA, Crete, Feb. 25.—A Cabinet crisis is on.

The administrative situation is critical.

## The Weather.

Feb. 25.—The high pressure area drifted eastward and had its centre over the south Atlantic States yesterday morning. Its position caused a continuance of fair weather in all the States east of the Mississippi River and in addition a general rise of temperature in all these districts except southern Florida. There was a area of low pressure central over the upper Mississippi and Missouri valleys, creating snow in Montana, the Dakotas, Idaho and Utah, and there were unsettled conditions in the southern Central States. Freezing temperatures had disappeared from the eastern half of the country, except New England, where it was slightly below freezing in the morning, but was growing warmer. It was also growing warmer in the Southwest.

In this city the day was fair and warmer; wind, fresh southerly; average humidity, 65 per cent; barometer, corrected to read to sea level, at 5 A. M., 30.02; at 3 P. M., 30.01; at 9 P. M., 30.00. The temperature yesterday, as recorded by the official thermometer, is shown in the annexed table:

WASHINGTON FORECAST FOR TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW.

For eastern New York, increasing cloudiness to-day, with snow or rain in northern portion, probably rain to-morrow; brisk southerly winds.

For New England, increasing cloudiness to-day, probably snow or rain in northern portion, rain to-morrow; brisk southerly winds.

For eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland, increasing cloudiness and continued warm to-day; rain to night or to-morrow; brisk southerly winds.

For the District of Columbia, increasing cloudiness and continued warm to-day; probably rain to night or to-morrow; increasing southerly winds.

For western New York and western Pennsylvania, rain to-day and probably to-morrow; colder to-morrow; brisk southerly winds.

## AWAKENING OF RUSSIA.

Trade Agents Instead of Borrowers to Be Stationed Abroad—Booming Production.

**Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.**  
ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 25.—The organization of Russia's international commerce is being systematized with great energy. The Treasury announces that the official financial agencies abroad, except in Paris, will be closed, and a corps of commercial attaches will be appointed instead, who will report to the recently created Department of Trade and Industry.

These agents will be located in thirteen cities. New York is in the first class, and the agent there will receive a salary of 10,000 rubles, or about \$5,000. This movement of the centre of gravity from the financial to the commercial world coincides with the phase in Russia's development when she has ceased to study the world's money market as an habitual borrower and seeks instead to attract industrial enterprise.

Supplementary to this new organization an export chamber has been formed in St. Petersburg this week, with the object of unifying the work of exchanges dealing in Russian produce. President Denesoff says on behalf of the Government that new methods of land and culture are enormously increasing the output, but much would be lost unless the export organization prove able to handle the surplus.

The Government is closely identified with great schemes under American technical direction for elevator construction, irrigation and cold storage. Ex-Minister Fedoroff is acting here on behalf of an international financial corporation and John Hays Hammond in enterprises discussed by the latter with the Government and adopted.

## FINIS TO SPIELHAGEN'S WORK.

Noted German Novelist Dead—Translated American Writings.

**Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.**  
BERLIN, Feb. 25.—Friedrich Spielhagen, the novelist, died here to-day.

Friedrich Spielhagen had a knack of putting into his books contemporary figures so thinly disguised that their identity was immediately recognized. By thus holding the mirror up too near his own time he lost a certain breadth of appeal that might have made him a great writer. He began novel writing with "Problematische Naturen" in 1890, a book of some success, and then entered into the field of the social problems that grew from the conflict between a stupid nobility and an intelligent middle class. Unlike his contemporaries, he treated the problems that he set out to solve with a hardy optimism that made the public turn to him with a sense of relief.

Spielhagen was born in Magdeburg in 1829. He studied in Berlin, Bonn and Greifswald. After teaching for a while at Leipzig he became editor of the *Zeitung für Norddeutschland* in Hanover and was on the editorial staff of an illustrated monthly. After his "Problematische Naturen" had gained him a name as a novelist, he wrote "Durch Nacht zum Licht" in 1861; "Die von Hohenstein," two years later and "In Reih und Glied" in 1866.

Spielhagen, like many a greater writer, having won his popularity, broadened it and wrote sensational novels far below the standards he had at first set himself. "Sturmflut," "Der Neue Pharos" and "Friedrich" are examples. He also translated into German the works of Emerson's essays. Michelet was his chosen French translator. In 1883 his collected volumes, twenty-two in all, appeared, but he continued to write up to the time of his death.

## DEATH OF FRITZ VON UHDE.

German Painter Treated Biblical Scenes in Modern Settings.

**Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.**  
BERLIN, Feb. 25.—Fritz von Uhde, the painter, is dead.

Fritz von Uhde was a historical and genre painter, a student of the old Dutch masters and a man of uncompromising sobriety in matters of technique. He was an intense naturalist and his daring conceptions of Biblical stories, which he interpreted through the medium of modern settings, gave rise to a sweeping change in German art and created a furor among the younger artists, who followed him almost to a man.

His pictures called "Suffer Little Children to Come Unto Me," which hangs in the Leipzig Museum, and "The Walk to Bethlehem" are two of his best known works, and both of them are laid in modern settings and treated in the modern spirit. He began painting at the Dresden Academy, whither he had gone from Wolkensberg, Saxony, where he was born in 1848. He found that he was out of sympathy with the academic spirit and went into the army, serving until 1877. Then he went to Munich to study the old Dutch artists' works. Piloty and Diez had no room for him in their studios, so Munich he called the year, and then to him in his Paris studio and there he spent his time studying nature and his beloved Dutchmen. In 1881 he had finished his "Family Concert" and was studying new principles of color. His "Arrival of the Organ Grinder," which he did in 1883, was one of the last of his profane paintings.

Among his later works were "Noli Me Tangere" (1891), "The Wise Men From the East," which is in the Magdeburg Museum; "The Last Supper," "Ascension" and "Woman, Why Weepest Thou?" Uhde wrote a monograph on the works of Von Uhde, as did Graul and Vierbaum and Ostini.

He was represented in the collection of German paintings exhibited at the Metropolitan Museum a couple of years ago.

**To Save the Atmah.**

**Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.**  
KINGSTON, Jamaica, Feb. 25.—The wrecking steamer Premier sailed this afternoon for Cape San Antonio, the western extremity of Cuba, to save the French yacht Atmah, owned by Baron de Rothschild, which ran ashore near that point.

## POPE PIUS QUITE WELL AGAIN

NURSED BY HIS SISTERS, MADE  
A QUICK RECOVERY.

Italy to Prohibit Emigration of Children, Especially Girls, Without Their Parents—Scramble to Escape Jury Duty in Camorrist Trial—In New Messina.

**Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.**  
ROME, Feb. 25.—The Pope recovered from his recent attack of influenza in a comparatively short time, mainly owing to the nursing of his sisters. It is now known that although the Pontiff's first symptoms were unmistakably those of influenza, apprehension existed that they were associated with bronchial pneumonia. His temperature rose to 104 degrees and the inflammation was inclined to attack the lungs.

Dr. Petacci, the papal physician, insisted that the Pope should remain in bed and take warm nourishment at short intervals. It was only the influence of the sisters of Pius X., however, that succeeded in overcoming his great distaste for food. They coaxed him to take sufficient nourishment. When his temperature was normal for three days the Pope was allowed to sit up. Dr. Petacci still insisted that he should take plenty of nourishing food, as a change of air, which would be the best treatment, was of course impossible.

A special law will soon be passed to prohibit the emigration of children from Italy. Meantime, as many children, especially girls, are leaving the country, the Minister of Foreign Affairs has issued a provisional decree which forbids children under 12 to leave the country unaccompanied by their parents or guardians, or unless to join them abroad. In the long run boys under 15 and girls under 12 will not be allowed to go unless accompanied by a member of their family.

The date for the opening of the great Camorra trial at Viterbo has been fixed for March 11, but it will probably be postponed until the middle of April. The selection of a jury will be a very slow affair. The system is to select forty men by lot to be present at the opening of a trial. Twelve men are picked from this lot. The trial is expected to last at least three months.

Some citizens of Viterbo are trying to evade service on the jury on pleas of illness. Others will get the lawyers of the Camorra chiefs to challenge them, so the empanelling of the jury will be a most difficult task and will be a cause of further delay.

An English company has been formed with the object of securing the contract for clearing the streets of Messina and repairing the drainage and water systems within two or three years. The Minister of Public Works has the matter under consideration.

## SHUTS UP THE MANSION HOUSE.

Underpaid Lord Mayor Farrell of Dublin Begins a Stormy Year.

**Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.**  
LONDON, Feb. 25.—Alderman John J. Farrell began his year of office as Lord Mayor of Dublin yesterday on a reduced salary of £1,000, or \$5,000, instead of the £3,000, or \$15,000, which was formerly paid. There is every indication that the new Lord Mayor's year in office will be a stormy one.

In accordance with his threat to close the Mansion House as a protest against the inadequate salary he has already refused a number of organizations the customary permission to hold meetings there. As a result of this the Gaelic League athletic carnival could not be held there to-night.

Lord Mayor Farrell in a letter to the officials of the league regretting his refusal said: "The enemies of Dublin have closed the Mansion House for twelve months, probably forever."

The Gaelic League and other bodies are seething with indignation.



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SHUT OUT MEN MEDICOS.

New Rule in Paris Women's Hospitals—Which Women Students Resent Too.

**Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.**  
PARIS, Feb. 25.—The competition for the post of house surgeons at the Maternity Hospital and the Vessinet Hospital, which receives convalescent women from the Parisian hospitals, has been limited to female students.

The male medical students have protested against the decision and a majority of the female students have joined in the protest. They desire the two sexes to continue to enjoy exactly the same treatment.

## HOODBOOD "YSOBEL."

New Tangles Retard the Production of Mascagni's Opera in Rome.

**Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.**  
ROME, Feb. 25.—Mayor Nathan is striving to persuade the exhibition committee to accede to Mascagni's conditions for the performance of his opera "Ysobel" at the Costanzi Theatre here. He threatens not to pay the committee's municipal subsidy, amounting to \$10,000, unless the conditions are accepted.

Meanwhile Mascagni's impresario expects to receive \$10,000 for lending the opera organization of Rome. This time is lost bagging in the hope that the exorbitant demands may be reduced.

## GAMBIA BANQUETED.

Special Ambassador to Mexico His Host Ladies at His Lectures.

**Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.**  
MADRID, Feb. 25.—A banquet in honor of Señor Gambia, the special Mexican Ambassador, was given this evening at the residence of the Marquis de Polavieja who was Spain's envoy to the Mexican continental.

A largely attended series of lectures has been given in honor of Señor Gambia by the Literary Club, at which the Mexican envoy was the principal speaker. Among the audience were many of the most beautiful ladies of the capital.

## FIXED THE DIRECTORS.

Spanish Way of Dealing with an Insurance Co. Failure—No Appeal.

**Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.**  
MADRID, Feb. 25.—A royal order is published concerning the civil and criminal responsibility for the recent failure of the Prevision Andalusia Insurance Company. The members of the board of directors of the company, which is composed of the best known men throughout Spain, have been fined 10,000 pesetas (\$2,000) and the right to appeal from this fine has been refused.

## SMITH-HELYER.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—G. Richmond Smith, a lumber and cotton merchant, of 5652 Calumet avenue, Chicago, was married to-day in St. George's, Hanover Square, to Miss Violet Isabel Helyer, daughter of George Helyer of Maida Vale, a suburb of London.

## DIED.

ADAMS—MONTGOMERY.—On February 25, 1911, at Flushing, L. I., by the Right Rev. Mrs. E. J. Donnelly, V. L., Martha A. Montgomery, daughter of John and Mrs. Howard Montgomery, to Thomas S. Adams.

FREEMAN—DICKIEY.—On Saturday, February 25, 1911, at Grace Church, by the Rev. George William Douglas, assisted by the Rev. Charles Slatery, Francis DeKoven, daughter of the late Hugh T. Dickiey, to S. Harold Freeman.

SMULL—BUXTON.—On Saturday, February 25, 1911, at the residence of Mrs. Arthur Augustus Swell, 114 West 121st st., by the Rev. Edgar Wilson, Jr., Mrs. Ethel Stillwell Buxton to Jacob Barstow Smull.

BLAKE.—On Saturday, February 25, 1911, at South Orange, N. J., Mary J. Blake, daughter of the late John and Johanna Blake. Notice of funeral hereafter.

DICKENS.—Charles Dickens, aged 48 years. Funeral at THE FUNERAL CHURCH, 241 and 243 West 23d st., FRANK E. CAMPBELL BLDG., FRANKLIN ST., on Friday evening, at 8 o'clock. Burial in the cemetery of the same church.

FRASER.—Suddenly on Friday evening, at his residence, 1845 Madison ave., John H. Fraser, in his 81st year. Funeral services Monday, February 27, at 8 o'clock P. M., at Central Park Baptist Church, 85d st., near 2d ave. Interment private.

STORREY.—At his home, 733 Tremont ave., The Bronx, February 24, Lawrence E. Storrey. Funeral Monday at 9:30 A. M. Mass St. Thomas's Church, Westchester, at 10 o'clock.

WALSH.—Anniversary mass for the late Dean Patrick A. Walsh at the Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Astoria, N. Y., on Monday, February 27, 10 A. M. Reverend clergy, relatives and friends invited.

WARNER.—At his residence, at West 66th st., on Friday, February 24, Thomas Walter Warner, son of Maria and the late James B. Warner. Funeral services at the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, 71st st. and Broadway, on Monday, February 27, at 10 o'clock A. M. Interment private.

WARNER.—Suddenly on Saturday, February 25, A. J. G. Warner of Jersey City, N. J. Funeral notice later.

## UNDERTAKERS.

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## RELIGIOUS NOTICES.